



Brian Tucker Olsen

September 12, 1973 - January 13, 2020

Brian Tucker Olsen, 46, died unexpectedly on January 13, 2020, in Loveland, CO. He was born at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs on September 12, 1973.

Brian was a well-known performance artist. He used fingertips, palms, elbows, and up to three brushes in each hand to create massive portraits of celebrities. His performances were high energy events choreographed to music. His energy will be missed but not forgotten.

Brian was a graduate of Colorado State University. He was an avid skier, fisherman, mountain biker, and overall outdoor enthusiast.

He is survived by his son Blake. His wife, Kristen. His Sister Rebecca and brother-in-law Mark. His father Bob and his mother, Jill. His mother Anne and his stepfather Steve. His mother-in-law Judy. His nieces Samantha and Kelley. Duck the one-eyed Labrador retriever and numerous extraordinary friends and family.

A private family celebration will be held.

Brian asks that instead of flowers, please give all your money to the dogs!

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ I just learned of Brian's passing this morning when I googled his website to visit. This is shocking and sad. Such a young man. My prayers go out to his family. I met Brian when he did a performance for our company (Men's Health) at one of our events in the early 2000...I think maybe 2005. I was so impressed with his work that I spoke with during break and purchased all 5 paintings he did during the show. What a good man, what a talent.

John Peasley

john Peasley - November 06, 2020 at 06:43 AM

MR

“ Brian was so special and unique. I enjoyed our conversations as he always offered the view from a different lens. A perfectionist, but not in an annoying way. Hahaha, he would laugh at that. Have a good journey my friend. Peace.

Martine Reeh - January 30, 2020 at 01:40 PM

SW

I just was thinking about calling him. Such a bummer loss of a good dude.

Scott Wylle - February 22, 2020 at 08:03 PM



Lindsey
Lustig

“ I cannot say enough about how much Brian Olsen is loved and admired by me and my friends. We are all so saddened by his loss, and are sending lots of love and peace on the astral plane towards his closes loved ones and family.

My friends and I lovingly call Artisphere (an art festival in Greenville, SC), "Brian Olsen-sphere", because every year we revolve our entire Artisphere weekend to witnessing the incredible performance art of Brian Olsen.

I wanted to let his family and loved ones know that my friends and I are planning a party for the celebration of his life. We are all inspired by his dedication to the arts, music, and the creativity that is alive in this world and inside of each of us. We are going to blast good music, wear clothes that can be painted, and create some works of art in the style of Brian Olsen's art, splatting and throwing paint, using our bodies, and creative energies to paint the canvases. I will post pictures of our celebration of Brian Olsen's life to his Art in Action Facebook page if it is still open at that time. Brian Olsen will live forever in our hearts and in our creative spirit!

Lindsey Lustig - January 21, 2020 at 08:45 AM

SC

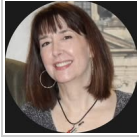
“ Brian, sad to here of your passing.

Briefly met you, and awed at your work. And your positive, decent personality will continue for years and will linger in the minds of many.

RIP, Brian.

*Marshall "Scott" Houston
Greenville, South Carolina*

Scott - January 20, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ *Kristen, I'm so sorry to hear of Brian's passing. His art made the world a much brighter place. Special thoughts go out to your son. I'll be thinking of you both as you get through this difficult time.*

Laura Bard - January 20, 2020 at 04:36 PM

NW

“ *His artwork spoke volumes for how talented he was.*

Natasha Wing - January 20, 2020 at 11:35 AM

DH

“ *I am so saddened by this news. Brain Olsen brought so much color, energy, passion, and genuine soul to everything he did. He encouraged creativity and fearlessness for all who had the honor of watching him perform.*

We treasure our Bob and Jim. These are the only two pieces of art we ever bought. We wanted to watch him paint our third, but that day will never come. Create in Peace. You will always be remembered.



Dolly Herron - January 19, 2020 at 09:18 PM

 E. Jay
Abt

“ I own 5 large paintings by Brian, and he is my favorite artist in the world. His talent was unmatched. I spoke to him on many occasions about how impressed I was with his work, how much it moved me, and how I treasured it. 4 of the paintings (1 is at my home) define the theme of my law practice in Atlanta. They are beautiful images of Abe Lincoln, Albert Einstein, Mohammed Ali, and Marlon Brando as the Godfather. I was going to have Brian do another painting for me this year, of MLK, Jr. I will always treasure his work, look at it every day, and it reminds me of why i became an attorney. Brian lives on in the inspirational and amazing art he created. - Jay Abt, Atlanta, GA.

E. Jay Abt - January 19, 2020 at 02:58 PM

MA

“ I met Brian in 1979 after my move to Colorado from Florida. I had the pleasure of meeting his parent's, Bob and Jill, who to this day remain 2 of my dearest lifelong buddies. Brian was about the age that his son Blake is now, and I can remember Brian's bright infectious smile from the moment he walked into the room. It's as if a light from above was turned on and illuminated everything around him. Over the years, when I would visit Bob and Jill, Brian would be in his room, creating, drawing and basically showcasing his early talents, which ultimately proved to be a powerhouse of artistic brilliance as the years passed. He was a true visionary and a beautiful creator of art.

He will be sorely missed by not only his legion of fans from around the globe, but right here in Colorado where his roots, family and friends remain. Rest in peace, Brian, for heaven has gained a special angel.

Maribeth Addona

Maribeth Addona - January 19, 2020 at 12:38 PM

RB

“ I first met Brian when he was looking for studio space at a building I had listed on 2nd and Broadway. He was an impressive, energetic guy. We ended up finding a home with a studio and our friendship grew from there. He took time out of his busy life and met with my granddaughter in middle school to discuss his career and her interest in becoming an artist. She is graduating from Western Colo. University this year with a fine arts degree. Thank you Brian for your inspiration, your time, your friendship. Rest In Peace. Rex Bell

Rex Bell - January 18, 2020 at 02:58 PM

DS

“ Brian was a brief but instant friend when we collaborated on an event honoring Les Paul. I still have a picture of me with Brian's hand print on my face, swiped there in a moment of adolescent fun. His spirit and soul will be missed in this world.

Dave Sherman - January 18, 2020 at 01:05 PM

CB

“ Just a distant follower of Brian and now so saddened. He drew us to Artisphere in Greenville SC for so many years with his amazing performances. So unique, and he will be missed.

Chris Brouwer - January 18, 2020 at 01:00 PM

ZA

“ I have been blessed to learn about Brian's incredible life, art and journey through his most loving sister Rebecca. Brian holds a very special place in her heart, her eyes lit up every time she spoke of him. I started following his work because of her, his passion and talented art was immeasurably amazing. Condolences to his family.

zandra - January 17, 2020 at 02:05 PM